

DIAZ BEGINS HIS REFORMS

New Governors To Be Elected by People in Two States.

COMPLYING WITH DEMANDS

Free Elections in Sonora and Guanajuato, Where the Executives Resign.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.]
Guanajuato, Mexico, April 11.—President Diaz will begin the electoral reforms he promised in the states of Guanajuato and Sonora. The reform movement is a direct result of the conditions brought about by the spread of the insurrection in these states, and is interpreted as a recognition by the federal government of the seriousness of the situation, and the necessity of complying, at least in a measure, with the demands of the people.

In Sonora it will be the first election since President Diaz's first inauguration. Following an uprising at that time, a military Governor was appointed, and he has been kept in office ever since, the so-called elections being merely equivalent to reappointments.

Advices from Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora, say that General Lorenzo Torres, commanding the federal troops in the Yacura River region, has withdrawn his candidacy for Governor, and that at the instance of the federal government a popular election is to be held on April 12.

Mass meetings named Alexandre Lacy, a member of an old family which has been neutral throughout the present trouble, as the popular candidate for Governor. Lopez del Castillo, a lawyer of Sonora, was named for Vice-Governor. Castillo has not been identified with administration measures. The government will open the polls on April 12, and will send out instructions how to vote and guarantee a free ballot.

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AMERICAN WOMEN CAPTIVES

Held Prisoners by Mexican Filibusters at Alamo.

San Diego, Cal., April 11.—It was learned here today that Mexican filibusters hold a number of American women and children captive in a hideout at Alamo, Lower California. The prisoners are said to be at the mercy of their captors and to have suffered insults and indignities. Protests have been made to Secretary Knox, and Senator Perkins, chairman of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, has been advised.

Among those held captive are G. Raff, his wife and five children, of San Diego. The names of the others have not been disclosed. The appeal to Secretary Knox was made by G. Henry Savage of this city, a relative of Mrs. Raff. News of the condition of the prisoners was brought to Ensenada last week. Mr. Savage said today, and reported to George B. Schmuicker, United States Consul, as well as to Governor Cabello Vega of Lower California. Mr. Savage charged that Governor Vega did not send relief and that Consul Schmuicker ignored the safety of the prisoners in the hands of the rebels, who are said to be commanded by Simon Berthold. Mr. Savage telegraphed to Secretary Knox on Sunday afternoon as follows:

Members of my family and other American women and children held at Alamo, Mexico, by rebel bands to obtain food, relief. Wires to Ensenada are down. Relatively informed that Mexican Governor of Lower California declined relief. Will you please answer?

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to the American citizens mentioned in your telegram of yesterday, and the American at Ensenada has been instructed by telegram to investigate and report and to ask the Governor for needed protection for these people.

The case was also taken to Rear Admiral Thomas, commander of the Pacific fleet, who was urged by Mr. Savage to send a warship to Ensenada. Admiral Thomas said he could not act without orders from Washington.

Mr. Savage said today that his advice from Ensenada gave no reason for the imprisonment of the Americans and their families. He added the Americans were employed in the mines near Alamo and that Berthold, the guerrilla chief, had confiscated all the supplies in the town. Mr. Savage is a prominent business man of this city.

Washington, April 11.—Consul Schmuicker, at Ensenada, telegraphed to the State Department today that, according to a message he received from Ensenada, the American women and children held there were unharmed, but probably would not be permitted to leave the town. He expressed the belief that provisions were becoming exhausted, and asked for permission to go to the scene himself or send a representative to investigate the situation. This was granted by the department.

AN AMERICAN MALTREATED

Rebels Force Surgeon to Operate with Pocket Knives.

El Paso, Tex., April 11.—Dr. Newby, an American, was captured by insurgents in southwestern Durango, according to a report from Culiacan received here today, and held several days, being forced to treat the wounded men, although he had no instruments. When some of the wounded died, the surgeons as a result of operations with pocket knives he was threatened with death on the charge of poisoning the men. He was finally forced to go to Culiacan to cash checks which insurgents had extorted from citizens, his wife being held as hostage until his return. He complained to the Governor of Sinaloa, but got no redress.

Further indications that Madero and his insurgent forces are headed for Juarez, or at least are coming north, is the fact that traffic on the Mexican Northwestern Railroad has been interrupted. Officials of the road in Juarez declined to say whether the insurgents have merely stopped traffic or have destroyed bridges.

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TROOPS AT MANOEUVRE GROUND

Third Brigade's March Ends—New Aeroplane To Be Tested.

San Antonio, Tex., April 11.—The 3d Brigade reached the government reservation at Leon Springs this afternoon with the men in excellent condition. The start today was made eleven miles from here, where camp was made last night, and the field wireless was used to report to General Carter that the column was again in motion. General Carter received the report at the manoeuvre camp.

A series of flights to test an aeroplane designed and built by William S. Remma, of New York, on a plan different from other machines now in use, will probably begin the latter part of this week at Fort Sam Houston. Arrangements for the flights are being made by the inventor and Howard F. Colby, of New York.

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FINANCIAL JUGGLERY

England's Sinking Fund Suffers to Meet Current Expenses.

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London, April 12.—The storm which has been raised by the discovery that officials of the Treasury advised several large companies to withhold payments of the income tax until after the close of the financial year shows no sign of abating. There cannot be any question that the object of robbing the sinking fund was to provide funds to meet the exceptionally heavy expenditures of the current year, and it is now shown that as a result of the Treasury's action the income tax receipts for the first week in April totalled £3,393,000, whereas for the corresponding week last year the amount was only £170,000.

SALE OF RARE DOCUMENT

Vellum Folio Settles Date of British Army's Origin.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]
London, April 12.—A manuscript of the highest importance will be sold at Sotheby's next month. This is the original legal settlement constituting the British army. Most of the authorities have long considered that the British army originated at the Restoration, in 1660, and the manuscript places this belief beyond doubt.

The signature of King Charles II occurs four times in the course of the document, which extends to twenty-seven pages of folio, elaborately and beautifully written on vellum, all the headings and capitals being engrossed in black ink, heightened with gold.

PEACE SIGNS IN MOROCCO

French Officials Report Conditions Greatly Improved.

Paris, April 11.—M. Croupp, Minister of Foreign Affairs, announced to-night that the latest official advices from Morocco indicated that the situation there had greatly improved. He believes that a recrudescence of the troubles is now unlikely, as the approaching harvest season will take the tribes back to the villages.

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OPPOSED TO AMERICANS

Russian Admits Blocking Plans for Asia Minor Railway.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—That Russia is opposed to American railway projects in Asia Minor is for the first time officially acknowledged in an interview which the editor of the "Novoye Vremya" had with the acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Neratoff. The minister informed the editor that Russia regarded the recent acquisition of a railroad outlet at Alexandretta by Germany with indifference, as Alexandretta is outside the direct sphere of Russian interests.

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GOVERNOR GOT APOLOGY

And the Small Boy Who Made It Now Has His Prized Bicycle.

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GRAFT MILLIONS CUT OFF

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sen, of Hook and Ladder Company 24, at a fire in No. 374 Seventh avenue. When Nelson stepped down from the platform after receiving his medal the children were waiting for him with a bunch of carnations and tulips.

JUDGES IN FEAR OF FIRE

Call Upon McAneny to Remedy Courthouse Condition.

Having already on several occasions voiced their views on the unsanitary condition of the County Court House, the justices of the Supreme Court have now taken cognizance of the general agitation over the lack of precautions against fire that followed the Washington Plaza disaster and have taken steps to make the courthouse safe from the dangers of fire, even if they have not been successful in improving the sanitation of the building.

For several months the twenty-odd justices of the Supreme Court have been holding court over a veritable volcano, which heretofore has been inactive and which they are determined in a few days more shall be extinct. Not until last Monday did they realize that within the sacred precincts of the temple of justice there was enough concentrated combustible energy to have blown a good part of the building to pieces, besides spreading a fire for the extinction of which no means were at hand.

This condition was revealed on Monday, when Justice McCall, a member of the courthouse committee, with Robert B. Inley, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Offices, who had been called for the purpose, made an inspection of the basement of the courthouse. There Justice McCall found conditions that required only a little encouragement to have made the immediate need for a new courthouse perfectly obvious.

In that basement the investigators found a fully equipped carpenter shop, and close by an accumulation of shavings, sawdust, oil, varnish and paint. The room, which was under the private lunch room of the justices, had been used for the storage of a great quantity of inflammable and combustible material, and some of the workmen engaged there